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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED July 1, 2004

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 1, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks of record.

AMENDMENTS

Please make the following amendments to the Drawings, Description, and Claims, as shown on separate sheets:

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 2, as in the attached proposed Figure.

In the Description:

On page 5, second full paragraph, please amend the second sentence as shown below:

Figure 2 shows a closer view of the preferred embodiment. The preferred float 20 is rectangular (most preferably square) in shape with the anchor 26 connected to one corner (lower corner 62₃) via a strap 64. A handle 66 is attached to the opposite corner (upper corner 68), as this corner 68 will typically be the highest part of the float 20 when in use and inflated. The anchor line 40 is preferably attached to one of the other two corners of the float (side corner 72) at a line connection 73. The float 20 is reinforced all along the axis between the line connection at side corner 72 and the lower corner 62, preferably with a strap 74 that is integral with or very securely connected to the anchor strap 64 and the line connection 73. Thus, the float may be said to extend integrally from the connection system for connecting the anchor to the boat. The connection system is the structure that bears the weight/force of the anchor, and, in the preferred embodiment is the line 40, line connection 73, strap 74, and strap 64, but in other embodiments may be a single rope/line or another combination of typically flexible straps/lines connected in series to extend from the watercraft to the anchor. While there may be connecting straps between the line 40 and the anchor, or between the line 40 and the boat, still the line 40 may be said to "connect at one end to the boat and connect at its other end to the anchor."

On page 8, third full paragraph, please amend the third sentence, as shown below:

Figure 8 illustrates the preferred two-part float. The inflating gas is supplied to the inner air bladder 92. The air bladder 92 is contained within outer covering 90. Holes 8494 are placed in the covering 90 so that water, which tends to leak into the space between the air bladder 92 and the covering 90 when the float is deflated, will readily exit the space when the bladder 92 is inflated. The air bladder 92 may be accessed, for examination, repair, or replacement, through a zipper 96 in the outer covering 90.